

Werner's Weekly Newsletter

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Teacher Notes:

Everyone enjoyed the Happy Hoedown! We sang songs, the teachers acted out a story, and we watched a video to wind down from all from the excitement of the day. The scarecrows that we made are displayed by our classroom door and will be on display at the Fall Festival. The field trip to the pumpkin patch was a huge success, and I was very proud of the children for their behavior. Thanks to all of my wonderful chaperones for all of their help!

Don't forget to come join the fun Saturday night from 5 to 8 for HJB's Fall Festival. This is a lot of fun, and everyone loves the experience!

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Language Arts:

We are moving right along with our cursive letters, and this week we added the letter "h". Please make sure to say the language of instruction when working with your children and the cursive writing. To practice the sound that the letter "h" makes, we wrote a list of "h" words and practiced our phonetic spelling. The children are really catching on to this and the more we can practice our letter recognition and letter sound recognition, then the better writers they will be come. Thanks for your help with this at home! We also had fun acting out a rhyme about five little pumpkins, and everyone had the chance to be one of the pumpkins and "roll" out of sight. For more scarecrow fun, we made a book to reinforce our color word knowledge and to practice reading by pointing to the words. There were lots more activities but these were just the highlights of our week!

Math:

We are learning about squares, and we were able to find squares all around our classroom. We also counted and practiced directional terms like: *above, below, to the right of, to the left of, under, up, down* etc. to build a house full of colored squares. Writing the numbers and the number words was also part of a math activity to complete the book "My hand can hold..." It was very interesting to hear what the children thought one of their hands could hold.

Other Activities:

In center time, we used Halloween cookie cutters and play dough, made jack o' lanterns with funny faces, and painted beautiful pumpkin pictures!

Upcoming Events:

- October 30 - Horrible Hair Day
- November 2 - No School/Parent Conferences
- November 3 - No School/Professional Day for Teachers
- November 25 - Early Dismissal
- November 26 & 27 - No School

Special Reminders:

- Ice Cream for Kindergarten is on Mondays! Please send in 65 cents to purchase ice cream. If you do not wish for your child to have ice cream, please let us know.
- Please send all money in the Ziploc baggie in your child's folder with a note telling us what the money is for.
- Please notify us of any changes to your child's dismissal procedure immediately with a handwritten note or a phone call.
- Please return your child's folder daily!
- You may send in a disposable camera with your child's name for use throughout the year.

Homework:

Practice the cursive writing with your children. It is important that you say the language of instruction as you work with them to write the letter! It is important to do your homework with your child and that he/she practices writing the letters the correct way.

*"You only have to
read on the days
you eat!"*

Next Week:

We will continue learning about the letter "h", We have some fun Halloween activities planned for the children!

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questions and concerns:
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